



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 27, 2011

S. 237 **Government Accountability Office Improvement Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on October 19, 2011*

S. 237 would provide additional authorities to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), including the ability to obtain certain records and information, and to administer oaths. The legislation also would require GAO to establish procedures to protect certain proprietary information that it collects when carrying out its responsibilities and report on agencies that do not provide information requested by GAO.

CBO expects that complying with the bill's provisions would increase the administrative costs of the GAO. We estimate, however, that implementing S. 237 would cost less than \$500,000 annually, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 237 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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